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SUBJECT: LOOSENING OF BOYCOTT REGULATIONS IN QATAR

REF: STATE 195147 AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL)

1. COMMERCIAL OFFICER SPOKE WITH BOYCOTT OFFICE DIRECTOR

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KHALIL SHAMMAS AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 26 ABOUT LANGUAGE
IN LAW CONCERNING VESSELS ENTERING QATARI PORTS.
ACCORDING TO SHAMMAS, QATAR HAS DECIDED TO CHANGE THE
LANGUAGE OF REGULATION TO ELIMINATE THE PHRASE IN
QUESTION I.E. "NOT BANNED FROM ENTERING ARAB PORTS."
NEW REGULATION WILL READ "PERMITTED TO ENTER ARAB
PORTS." ACCORDING TO SHAMMAS, THIS WILL ALSO BE DONE

IN OTHER COUNTRIES BESIDES QATAR BUT HE COULD NOT SAY WHETHER ALL ARAB COUNTRIES WOULD CHANGE THEIR REGULATIONS IN THIS MANNER. SHAMMAS SAID THAT THIS CHANGE IS ANALOGOUS TO CHANGE FROM NEGATIVE TO POSITIVE CERTIFICATIONS ON LETTERS OF CREDIT AND THAT HE PRESUMES THAT IT WILL FIT WITHIN REGULATIONS TO BE ISSUED BY USDOC ON THE NEW LAW.

2. SHAMMAS AGAIN SAID THAT HIS PURPOSE AS DIRECTOR OF BOYCOTT OFFICE WAS TO ELIMINATE OBSTACLES TO TRADE AND THAT HE WAS AMENABLE TO SUGGESTION ABOUT HOW TO DO THIS. HE WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WAS A LIMIT TO WHAT HE COULD DO AND WHAT OTHER BOYCOTT OFFICE OFFICIALS IN OTHER COUNTRIES COULD DO IF LARGE PRESSPLAY WAS GIVEN TO US EFFORTS. SHAMMAS SAID THAT IF PRESS TRIED TO MAKE IT APPEAR THAT BOYCOTT OFFICIALS WERE BUCKLING UNDER TO US PRESSURE, NO PROGRESS COULD BE MADE.

3. ON A RELATED SUBJECT, SHAMMAS SAID THAT IN A RECENT CONVERSATION MAJOUR TOLD SHAMMAS THAT HE WAS VERY HAPPY TO HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY EMBASSY DAMASCUS ON BOYCOTT MATTERS AND LOOKED FORWARD TO FUTURE CONTACTS. SHAMMAS SAID THAT HE HOPED THAT THERE WOULD BE INCREASED CONTACTS BETWEEN CENTRAL AND LOCAL BOYCOTT OFFICE OFFICIALS AND EMBASSY OFFICIALS IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE CONFUSION OVER BOYCOTT REQUIREMENTS AND OVER EFFECTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF US LAW ON BOYCOTT.
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